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1. IN POST-LUNCHEON CONVERSATION AT SPASO HOUSE STOESEL ASKED MOROKHOV IF THE SOVIETS WOULD MAKE YIELD CALIBRATION DATA AVAILABLE. MOROKHOV SAID THAT DEPENDED ON THE EXTENT OF LIMITATIONS IN THE AGREEMENT. IF WE AGREED TO AN UPPER AND LOWER THRESHOLD AND QUOTE, THE SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE TIME, PLACE, COORDINATES, YIELD,DEPTH OF BURIAL AND GEOLOGICAL SETTING OF SHOTS BETWEEN CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT AND JANUARY 1, 1976. IF THERE WERE ONLY AN UPPER THRESHOLD, CALIBRATION REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE MUCH LESS. MOROKHOV SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONCERNS, TO PROVIDE CALIBRATION DATA ON PAST SHOTS. FUTURE SHOTS WERE ALL THAT WAS POSSIBLE. AS IT WAS, HE SAID, MANY OF HIS PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT THE US DATA REQUIREMENTS WERE MERELY A PRETEXT FOR GETTING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

2. MOROKHOV ALSO SAID THAT ACCORDING TO HIS EXPERTS, THE US COULD NOT POSSIBLY PROVIDE AT THIS TIME THE DATA REQUIREMENTS IN OUR DRAFT REPORT FOR THE NEVADA TEST SITE. IT WOULD TAKE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND MONTHS OF WORK. STOESEL ASSURED HIS THAT WE WERE PREPARED IN WHATEVER TIME SCALE WAS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE SOVIETS ON A BASIS OF FULL RECIPROCITY ALL THE DATA THE TWO SIDES AGREED WERE NECESSARY. MOROKHOV NOTED THAT HIS

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PEOPLE WANTED ASSURANCE ON THIS POINT, BECUASE OF THE

COMPLEX GEOLOGY OF THE NEVADA TEST SITE.
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